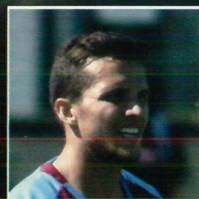


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Boardroom Briefing

"Welcome to this evening's pre-season friendly against Bolton Wanderers, our final home match before we return for the League 1 season opening day against Leyton Orient."

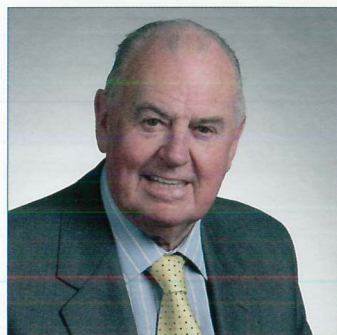
"So far we have had a fairly successful pre-season, winning three of our first five matches and being unbeaten throughout. While results are not the most important aspect of pre-season, getting in a winning habit cannot do the team any harm heading into the new season. We were pleased to add a piece of silverware to the Club's trophy cabinet last week with victory in the Liverpool Senior Cup final against an Everton team featuring a number of first team squad members. It can only be good for football on Merseyside that there were so many young, promising players on display in both teams.

The Manager has recruited a number of new players over the summer. The arrivals of James Wallace, Danny Harrison, Paul Black, Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro, Jason Mooney, Abdulai Bell-Baggie and Joe Thompson on permanent contracts and Liam Palmer and Jake Cassidy on six month loan deals have strengthened us in all areas of the pitch. There is competition for places in every position which can only be beneficial to the team and there may still be more new faces in the squad at the start of the season. I'd like to welcome all of our new players to the Club and wish them the very best of luck.

Unusually, we begin the 2012-13 season not with a league game on a Saturday afternoon but with a Capital One Cup first round tie at Chesterfield on Tuesday, 14 August. Though they were relegated to League 2 earlier this summer, we know from first-hand experience that Chesterfield can provide tough opposition, having lost twice at the b2net Stadium last season. Hopefully we can make it third time lucky and begin the season with a win.

I hope you will join me in welcoming directors, staff, players and supporters of Bolton Wanderers who have made the relatively short journey to be here tonight. Bolton's long run in the Premier League came to an end last season and they will no doubt be using tonight's game and the rest of pre-season as a springboard to returning to the top flight at the first opportunity. We wish them luck for the coming season and thank them for coming tonight.

Finally, I'd like to remind all our fans who haven't taken up our season ticket offers that the cheapest way to watch home games in 2012-13 will be with a season ticket. They will be on sale right up until kick off at the Leyton Orient match and there are discounts for every age category and section of the ground. We have been delighted with sales levels so far but are always happy for more supporters to commit themselves to the new campaign. Full details of all our offers are available in leaflets from the Ticket Office and Club Shop or to download from www.tranmererovers.co.uk





The Manager

"Welcome to tonight's pre-season friendly against Bolton Wanderers. I think we've done ok throughout pre-season. People say results don't matter but it's always nice to try and win games so the lads have done well."

They've done a lot of work and the games have got quicker now. Anyone who went to the four local games at Cammell Laird, Heswall, Vauxhall Motors and Marine can see the tempo is a lot quicker now. I'm still disappointed in the way we've been defending from set pieces. It shows there is still work for us to do in that area.

Since our last game at Prenton Park we've sold Lucas Akins to Stevenage and bought Joe Thompson from Rochdale. I think we've got a better player out of the deal. Joe still has to settle. He only came on Friday, met everybody and then played on Saturday, so he shouldn't be judged on that performance. I think we'll see a lot of Joe. He's quick, he's tall, he's got great ability and goes past people for fun. Not only can he play out wide but

he can also play down the middle.

I'm still looking for a couple more players. I definitely want a centre back, I've been saying it for a while. But trying to find an experienced one is near enough impossible so it might be that we have to get a young lad in who's got a bit of league experience. So we're knocking on one or two doors trying to get that done. It's important because Ash Taylor has been called up for the Wales Under-21 squad for their game against Armenia the day after the Chesterfield game so we're a man down in defence and Jake Cassidy has been called up too which leaves us short up front. At the present time we still don't know if Owain Fon Williams will be called up for the full Wales squad which would put us three players down and the rule that allows clubs to call off games when they've got three or more players away on internationals doesn't apply to the first round of the Capital One Cup. So we could go to Chesterfield with three players missing and effectively being punished for having international players.



I'd like to welcome Owen Coyle, his Bolton players, staff and supporters to Prenton Park and thank them for coming tonight. I've not got a great deal of memories of matches against Bolton from throughout my career, other than the Play Off final in 1991 when Chris Malkin scored the winner at Wembley. I wish Bolton the best of luck in the Championship this season.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have been following us throughout pre-season. It's always nice to see so many supporters cheering on the team and helping out some of our local clubs at the same time.

Enjoy the match."



Superwhite Snippets

ARE YOU KITTED OUT!

Tranmere's new yellow Fila away kit was launched last Thursday in the Club Shop.

The kit was revealed earlier that day to a group of young supporters taking part in a Junior Superwhites Matchday Club taster session in the Recreation Centre. A number of players - including the goalscorers from Wednesday night's win over Everton, James Wallace and Andy Robinson - made a special visit to meet the children wearing the change strip.

The kit is now on sale in the Club Shop and online at www.trfcshop.co.uk with all adult and junior sizes available.



MATCHDAY CLUB READY FOR KICK OFF!

The Junior Superwhites Matchday Club is new for this season. The Junior Superwhites has been running as our junior supporters club for the past four seasons with numbers growing each year.



As families are looking for more to do that is great value for money, we thought with the excellent facilities in the Recreation Centre it would be a shame to not offer some fun activities for kids to take part in before each home game.

The Matchday Club will cost just £2 for each child to join in and activities will include soccer skills suitable for all abilities along with various other activities throughout the season. Plus we're offering a special taster session completely free of charge!

The Club will be a great way for young supporters to feel like they are part of the Club as well as have fun and meet new friends.

To join in, all you need to do is book a place before the day of the game at the Club Shop. Spaces will be limited so we will not be able to admit children who turn up on the day.

Parents can sit in the Recreation Centre café and relax with a cuppa, or soak up the pre-match atmosphere in the Aldo's bar before picking up their child and making their way into the ground.

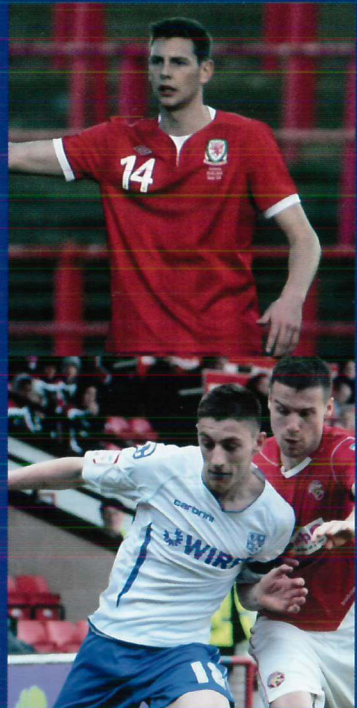
The Matchday Club will usually begin at 1pm, last for 1 hour 15 minutes and will be open to children coming to the match aged between 5 and 12. Places can be booked by calling into the Club Shop or phoning 0871 221 2001.

TAYLOR GETS ANOTHER CALL UP

Rovers defender Ash Taylor has been called up for Wales Under-21s' upcoming international against Armenia.

The centre back made his debut earlier this year against Andorra and has kept his place for the game at the GlynDwr University Racecourse Stadium, Wrexham on Wednesday 15th August at 7pm alongside Rovers loanee Jake Cassidy.

His selection though rules him out of Tranmere's Capital One Cup tie against Chesterfield the night earlier.





New Signings



There have been a number of new arrivals at Prenton Park this summer, here's our brief guide to the changes that have taken place...



Danny Harrison – Harrison returned to Prenton Park on a one year deal to be reunited with Ronnie Moore for a third time after spending the previous five seasons at Rotherham. He scored the second goal in the 4-0 pre-season win at Heswall.

Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro – Akpa Akpro signed for Tranmere on a two-year deal. He scored eight times for Rochdale in 2011-12 and got off the mark in the pre-season games at Cammell Laird and Heswall.

James Wallace – Wallace was signed for an undisclosed fee from Everton after impressing during his loan spell last season. The midfielder was instantly named the Club Captain by Rovers Boss Ronnie Moore who was delighted with his signing.

Paul Black – Black joined Rovers on a one year contract after leaving Oldham Athletic. The left back progressed through the youth system at Oldham Athletic before making 77 first team appearances for the club. He made his first appearance of pre-season at Vauxhall Motors.

Liam Palmer – Rovers signed Liam Palmer on a six month loan deal from Sheffield Wednesday. After progressing through the Wednesday Academy, the midfielder made his debut at the age of 18 and has since gone on to make 31 first team appearances. Has

been involved in every game throughout pre-season.

Jason Mooney – The 23-year old joined Rovers after a successful trial period with the Club. He kept clean sheets in the friendly wins over Cammell Laird and Heswall and signed a one year deal afterwards. Mooney, from Northern Ireland, played for Ards, Bangor, Ards Rangers and Comber Rec before joining Wycombe Wanderers last season.

Abdulai Bell-Baggie – Abs joined Rovers on a one year deal after spending the first few weeks of pre-season at the Club on trial. The 20-year old, who was born in Sierra Leone, came through the youth system at Reading and first caught the eye of Ronnie Moore during a loan spell at Rotherham United in 2009-10.

Jake Cassidy – The 19-year old returns to Prenton Park from Wolverhampton Wanderers on a six month loan deal after spending the seven weeks of the 2011-12 season with the Club. He scored five times in ten appearances for Tranmere, including goals in the wins over Rochdale, Exeter and Stevenage.

Joe Thompson – The winger arrived at Prenton Park last Friday for an undisclosed fee from Rochdale, making his first appearance the next day at Fleetwood.

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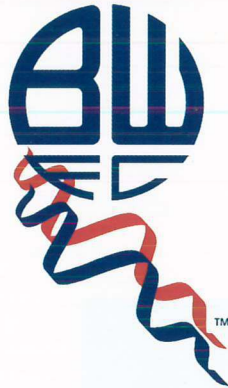
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Bolton Wanderers

Tranmere Rovers take on Championship side Bolton Wanderers in their second and final home pre-season match at Prenton Park this evening. With the first league game for each side now just over a week away, both sides will be keen to pick up a win at they look to hit the ground running.

A strong rivalry between these two clubs has cooled somewhat over the last decade due to the lack of competitive games between the two sides, with Tranmere having been stuck in League One whilst Bolton spent an eleven year stint in the Premier League between 2001-2012.

The two clubs however contested a number of hugely important games during the 1990s and early



2000s, with Rovers coming out on top in a play-off final at Wembley in 1991 and a two-legged League Cup semi-final in 2000. The last competitive game between the two sides saw Bolton defeat John Barnes' Tranmere 1-0 in August 2009.

Despite Bolton's relegation to the Championship last season, Owen Coyle

remains in charge of the club and at the time of writing he has overseen one win, three draws and one defeat from five pre-season games.

The solitary victory was a 2-0 success against League Two side Morecambe at the Globe Arena, whilst League One new boys Crewe Alexandra drew 1-1 with the Trotters three days earlier. Previous to that, Bolton had been on tour of Scotland, where they drew 1-1 with

Ayr and Falkirk either side of a 2-0 defeat to Hamilton. The Reebok Stadium side are expected to bring a strong side to Prenton Park tonight, including the likes of Martin Petrov, David N'Gog and Chris Eagles who have all netted goals so far this pre-season. Other players in the Bolton squad who could feature tonight

include Zat Knight and Kevin Davies, both former England internationals, Republic of Ireland international Keith Andrews, American Tim Ream and Darren Pratley.

Players who've represented both Tranmere and Bolton in the past include Scott Taylor, Nicky Summerbee and Gavin Ward.

In relation to friendly matches, Wanders have provided the opposition in testimonial games during the 1950s, although the first official 'friendly' at Prenton Park was played prior to the 1967-68 season, when Rovers ran out 3-1 winners. Seasons 1969-70 (1-1) and 2007-08 (0-1) followed, while the last, the 2008-09 meeting, was literally washed out by torrential rain, which in turn flooded Prenton Park.

Matty Jones

TOPICAL TEAM LINE-UP

versus Morecambe, Pre-Season Friendly 1/8/2012

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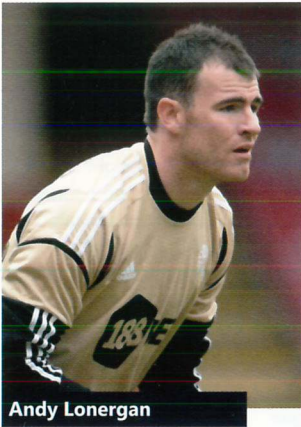
Eagles Vela Andrews Wylde Pratley

Ngog

Substitutes:

Loneragan, Mears, Mills, Petrov, K. Davies, M. Davies, Ricketts, O'Halloran





Andy Lonergan

Goalkeeper **Andy Lonergan** who has represented England at u20 level, joined Bolton from Leeds United last month after one season at Elland Road in which he was the number one goalkeeper. However, the 28 year-old fell out of favour under new manager Neil Warnock, who decided to bring in Paddy Kenny as the number one goalkeeper for the forthcoming season. Lonergan played over 200 games for his first club, Preston North End, famously scoring in a 1-1 draw against Leicester City with a kick from inside his own penalty area.

acquisition for Bolton, signing from Leicester City in July after a troubled one-year stay at the Foxes. Previously, the central defender had been the record signing for Doncaster Rovers, joining the club after helping them to promotion to the Championship via the play-offs during his loan spell at the Keepmoat Stadium. He was on the reverse side at Wembley with Reading; despite scoring he was unable to stop Swansea City from winning 4-2 in the Championship play-off final of 2010/11.

FEATURED PLAYER: Midfielder Stuart Holden - Despite only having played one full season for Bolton after signing from Houston Dynamo, Stuart Holden quickly became a mainstay at the heart of the midfield, making 30 appearances 2010/11. However, the American international suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury, which kept him out for six months before being set back another six months by damage to his cartilage. His presence, charisma and energy were missed in midfield last season as Wanderers were relegated from the Premier League, ending their 11-year stay in the top flight.



Stuart Holden

Midfielder **Keith Andrews**, Irish international who represented his nation in the recent European Championships in Poland and Ukraine, joined Bolton earlier this summer on a free transfer from West Bromwich Albion. His passage to the Premier League came through Paul Ince, who took Andrews with him to Blackburn Rovers after leaving MK Dons. The 31 year-old had success in the Championship last season on a personal level, scoring nine goals during a twenty-game loan spell with Ipswich Town and will look to repeat that in the forthcoming campaign.

Defender **David Wheater** joined Bolton in 2011 after fourteen years with Middlesbrough for an undisclosed fee. After coming through the youth system at the Riverside Stadium, the 6ft 5 centre back, who can also play right-back, made more than 100 appearances for the Teesiders before his move to the North West. The 25 year-old has represented England at every level from u16 through to u21. He has suffered two relegations in his career: one with Middlesbrough and the other with Bolton last season.

Defender **Matt Mills** is a recent



Matt Mills

Striker **Kevin Davies** is the Bolton captain and one of the longest-serving players at the club; he moved to the Reebok Stadium in 2003 from Southampton and has since gone on to be a virtual ever-present for the Trotters, making over 300 appearances and scoring more than 50 goals. Davies has a solitary England cap to his name after making his debut in a European Championships qualifier against Montenegro in 2010. He is renowned for being the player who often gives away the most fouls in the Premier League, his record is 121 for a season.

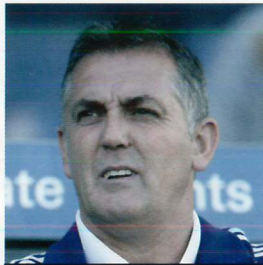
Striker **David N'Gog** moved to Bolton from Liverpool on transfer deadline day last summer after falling out of favour at Anfield. He never managed to establish himself at the Merseyside giants, with his most successful appearances coming in the Europa League. A former French youth international, N'Gog represented the French U21 team 17 times. His four goals last season were not enough to save Bolton from relegation and he must hope to better that tally this time around if the club are to be successful in their quest to regain Premier League football.

Sam Robinson



David N'gog

Managerial Profile Owen Coyle



MANAGERIAL CAREER VERSUS ROVERS

N/A

LAST FIVE MANAGERS

1995-1996 **Roy McFarland
& Colin Todd**

1996-1999 **Colin Todd**

1999-2007 **Sam Allardyce**

2007 **Sammy Lee**

2007-2009 **Gary Megson**

Owen Coyle was appointed manager of Bolton in January 2010. The former striker took over at the Reebok Stadium after leaving Burnley who he had led to the Premier League a season earlier.

As a player Coyle found the net 249 times in 699 appearances for clubs including Clydebank, Dumbarton, Dundee United and Bolton. His move into coaching came in 2003 when he became co-player manager at Falkirk and it was a fine spell in charge of St Johnstone that saw him move to Burnley in 2007.

Since taking charge of Bolton his team have won 39 and drawn 22 from 115 matches.



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Sat Sep 15	COVENTRY CITY	H 3.00pm
Tues Sep 18	BURY	H 7.45pm
Sat Sep 22	Crawley Town	A 3.00pm
Sat Sep 29	BRENTFORD	H 3.00pm
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in the thick of the opening stages of an always-competitive encounter at Marine. 2. Ash Taylor secures Rovers' wood. 3. Tehoue then levels the scores in the same game. 4. Akpa Akpro and former Rover Steve Wainwright Motors. 5. Rovers lift the Liverpool Senior Cup following a pulsating tie with neighbours Everton. 6. The Akpa's close with a spectacular overhead kick. 7. James Wallace fends off the Cammell Laird challenge in the opening



Tranmere Rovers

Manager: Ronnie Moore

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1	Owain Fon Williams		
2	Danny Holmes		
3	Paul Black		
4	Ash Taylor		
5	Ian Goodison		
6	Liam Palmer		
7	Joe Thompson		
8	James Wallace		
9	Jake Cassidy		
10	Andy Robinson		
11	Adam McGurk		
12	Danny Harrison		
13	Jason Mooney		
14	Zoumana Bakayogo		
15	Jake Kirby		
16	Cole Stockton		
17	Max Power		
18	Mark McChrystal		
19	Michael Kay		
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Bolton Wanderers

Manager: Owen Coyle

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1	Adam Bogdan		
2	Tyrone Mears		
3	Marcos Alonso		
4	Matt Mills		
5	Tim Ream		
6	Fabrice Muamaba		
7	Chris Eagles		
8	Keith Andrews		
9	David Ngog		
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23	Joe Riley		
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